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Members of the 509th Munitions Squadron pose for a photo. The squadron recently won the Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award.

## MUNS, commander nab AF awards

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Public Affairs

It's simply a case of "the best leading the best."

Maj. Dave Hadden, 509th Munitions Squadron commander, earned the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award at the same time his squadron earned Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award bragging rights.

"Major Hadden provided flawless leadership to a well-trained and motivated team of MUNS troops during one heck of a year," said Col. Chris Matson, 509th Maintenance Group commander. "I've never seen so much done by so few."

The major said the key to his success is airmen.

"The Air Force is loaded with talented airmen. Just provide them the resources they need and they'll do the rest," said Major Hadden, who arrived here in June 2002.

He leads a squadron of four flights, 23 work sections and more than 200 people. The squadron consists of the conventional weapons, special weapons, systems and aircraft armament system flights.

The major is responsible for an annual budget of \$465,000, a maintenance and storage complex comprised of 50 facilities, maintenance equipment and vehicles worth more than \$330 million, and more than \$400 million in munitions.

From supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom at Whiteman and deployed locations, to multiple major command- and Air Force-level inspections, the challenges Hadden and his team faced and excelled at go unmatched.

During OIF, the MUNS team built, configured and delivered 123 tons of Joint Direct Attack Munitions and GBU-37 bunker busters to prepare for the forward deployment of four B-2s. They simultaneously mobilized 47 maintainers and 68 short tons of cargo to support the first-ever operational combat deployment of the B-2.

With 67 percent of conventional munitions people deployed, the squadron used augmentees from within the squadron to receive, store, build and deliver more than 3,311 tons of munitions. This team provided 100 percent support for 27 B-2 combat sorties from Whiteman.

Additionally, deployed MUNS members assembled 2,700 weapons for B-1s and more than 4,500 weapons for B-52s to support more than 700 combat sorties for OEF and OIF.

"This colossal endeavor distinguished 509th MUNS as



**Maj. Dave Hadden, 509th Munitions Squadron commander, and Airman 1st Class Jon Higdon, 509th MUNS, discuss FMU-139 fuse installation procedures. Major Hadden won the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award for best field grade munitions maintenance officer.**

the only munitions squadron to fully support B-1, B-2 and B-52 bombers during sustained war operations at forward operating locations," Major Hadden said.

The 2003 operations tempo included rapid aircraft generations, deployments, redeployments, new weapons systems and equipment upgrades.

"The munitions maintainers met every challenge throughout this relentless, sustained operations tempo," Major Hadden said. "The single key ingredient in our winning team is their can-do attitude."

Major Hadden will receive his award at the U.S. Air Force Maintenance Awards banquet April 8 in Washington, D.C. The Marquez Award is presented to maintainers who have demonstrated the highest degree of sustained job performance, job efficiency and results, job knowledge and direct sortie generation involvement.

The squadron's award is presented by the Air Force Installation and Logistics Directorate of Maintenance office to recognize units which have best managed their resources by enhancing maintenance readiness, improving efficiency and reducing waste by encouraging excellence in all maintenance areas.

MUNS now competes for the Department of Defense Maintenance Award. The squadron is one of five Air Force units competing for the DOD Phoenix Trophy Award.

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## News in Brief

### CMSU military appreciation day set

The Central Missouri State University men's and women's basketball teams host a military appreciation day Saturday. Military members and their families get in free with a military identification card. The women's game begins at 1 p.m. while the men's game starts at 3:30 p.m. Vouchers for a free hot dog, chips and drink will be provided by the Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee.

### New fitness center hours announced

Beginning Monday, the fitness center has new hours. They are: 3 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 3 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays, holidays and Spirit Days.

### BX sale scheduled

The Whiteman base exchange hosts a sale today to Sunday to honor Whiteman members who have deployed. All customers will receive 10 percent off coupons. There will be a raffle for deployed members only, including a 32-inch television and a home theater system. Refreshments will be served. Members must present deployment orders to claim prizes. For details, call Kim Lafferty at 563-3001.

### Reserve and guard offers seminars

The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard host information seminars at 6 p.m. today, Tuesday, Thursday and March 8 in Bldg. 705, Room 300. The seminars are open to Air Force members and their spouses. For more details, call Master Sgt. Kim Halstead at 687-6483.

### Baggage allowance changes

Deploying members may have five total checked baggage items, not exceeding 70 pounds per item, and one cased weapon. Bags over 70 pounds count twice. Items more than 100 pounds are prohibited. The total baggage weight limit is 350 pounds. Carry-on bags must not exceed 45 linear inches.

Pararescue members, firefighters, explosive ordinance disposal and special operations members are authorized three additional bags for professional gear. The total baggage limit for those members is 560 pounds. Airport gateways will reject baggage exceeding these limits, and aren't responsible for storing rejected bags. Gateways aren't responsible for the storage of rejected bags. For more details, call the military personnel flight personnel readiness unit at 687-6422.



# Heroes work with you; learn from each other



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

**Lt. Col. Andy Cernicky, 394th Combat Training Squadron commander, runs on a treadmill at the fitness center.**

**By Lt. Col. Andy Cernicky**  
394th Combat Training Squadron Commander

You don't need to look far to find great American heroes. You see them every day at and around Whiteman, working and living right alongside you. Team Whiteman members have important roles preserving our war fighting strength. You also have tremendous community supporters cheering for your success to carry out your mission.

The team includes the maintainer who spent the weekend looking for cockpit foreign objects, like tiny screws, which could potentially ground the B-2 and its combat capability. It includes the engine shop following technical order guidance to efficiently change out a B-2 engine overnight so the B-2 could make its takeoff spot the next day. Result: another student training sortie accomplished and a B-2 pilot one step closer to becoming fully combat qualified.

It's also a munitions member, who spent quality time studying regulations, preparing for and passing the first set of career development course material. The team includes the brilliant technician in

the medical lab, drawing a sample to complete an annual physical. Result: another pilot planner fit to deploy overseas on a moment's notice. It's the pharmacist handing out the proper medication, enabling our meteorologists to get back on their feet.

The team includes the communication guru designing and/or implementing a computer network firewall, impenetrable from the most recent virus and potentially destructive viruses not yet conceived. It's the security forces member conducting a thorough search of a suspicious vehicle attempting access to the base. It's also the staff member of Mission's End who just prepared the most fantastic dinner to date, helping to celebrate Whiteman's latest yearly award winners.

The team includes the pilot who spent an hour at the gym burning off 1,000 calories and building stamina for 36-plus-hour global strike missions. It includes the member from one of the oldest fields of the Air Force, the life support technician, who spent several hours teaching an apprentice core tasks. The team includes too many members to name.

Heroes permeate our neighborhoods as well. I recently had the privilege to meet with the La Monte, Mo. American Legionnaires at a monthly dinner. The group was perhaps the greatest collection of patriotic Americans I've ever met. Thirty veterans representing the Marines, Navy, Army and Air Force discussed their worldwide exploits. Months of service away from home turned into years for some of these warriors as they defended America's freedoms decades ago.

If we would ever begin to fret over an assignment for any 90- or 120-day Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation, we need to remember the many sacrifices of those who served before us, and especially of those whose ultimate sacrifice of life has made our military opportunities of today possible.

La Monte's finest were equally exuberant in their support of today's military and hungry to learn about what's going on Whiteman. It was evident a camaraderie hard to rival had grown

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## Network security: Are you your unit's weakest link?

**By Lt. Col. Cephas Franklin**  
14th Communications Squadron commander

**COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFPN)** — The host of the popular television game show "The Weakest Link" puts contestants on the spot by firing question after question at them in a timed round.

The player who best handles the pressure and answers the most questions correctly usually winds up the winner.

Let's play this game in under less stressful conditions. I'm going to ask you to answer some simple yes-or-no questions geared toward information technology.

✓ Do you have your network or e-mail password written under your keyboard or in an area anyone can easily access?

✓ Have you shared your network or e-mail password with anyone?

✓ Did you click "yes" when the virus-warning screen popped up on your computer, instead of notifying your computer security manager?

✓ Have you shared your new Common Access Card personal identification number with anyone?

✓ Have you walked away from your desk while logged into the network without locking your computer?

✓ Have you forgotten the name of your system administrator or computer security manager?

✓ Have you loaded software on your computer without permission or approval?

✓ Have you connected any items to your computer or the network without an OK from the designated approval

authority?

✓ Have you visited unauthorized Web sites?

Now that you've taken the quiz, here's the secret: If you answered "yes" to any of the questions, you could be the weakest link in your unit's ability to secure its part of the Air Force network enterprise.

The days of base networks being stand-alone and independent of the rest of the Air Force are no more. What you do at your base has an immediate impact on your major command's infrastructure and subsequently the rest of the Air Force.

The bottom line is we've become a network-centric entity, and each member shares the responsibility of protecting the network.

It is not just the communication squadron's responsibility. Every member of the team plays an important role in protecting this valuable resource.

A breach of network security could influence whether we strike the right target, cause innocent civilians to lose their lives or cause an international incident.

That is where every person comes in. We are the keepers of the gate when it comes to network security. It is our responsibility to understand the policies, know the procedures and know where to go for help when network security issues arise.

If we blow it, we have a negative impact on national security, we affect the Air Force's ability to perform its mission and we impact our people.

The next time you change your password, store it in a secure place. The next time your computer becomes infect-

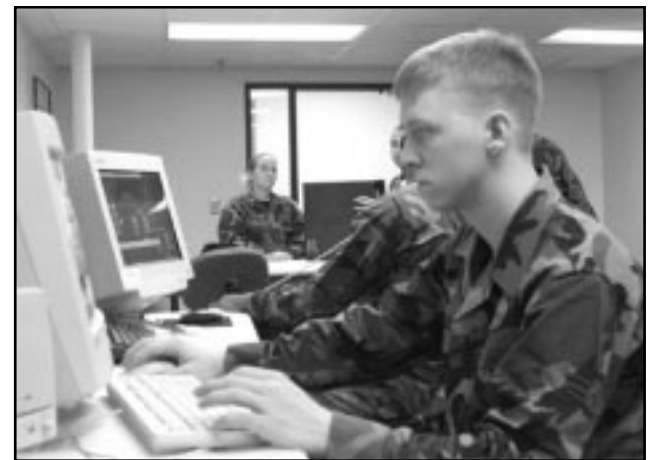


Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

**Airman 1st Class Michael Burlison, 509th Communications Squadron, reviews virus software information. Due to construction, the network control center helpdesk has moved to Bldg. 115. The staff can be reached by calling 687-5666.**

ed with a virus, know the procedures and who to contact. When you need software for operational use, ensure the designated approval authority oks it.

Remember, as gatekeepers we are the enforcers. Don't be your unit's weakest link. What we do does not just stop at the front gate — it stretches far and wide across the Air Force. Make network security a part of the way you conduct business every day.

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# Wing announces communication, information annual award winners

By Senior Airman Nick Martin  
Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing announced its annual communication and information award winners Jan. 15. These winners go on to compete at the Air Combat Command level.

## Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Cory Nicolson is the wing's Senior NCO nominee for the 2003 Communications and Information Individual Award.

The 509th BW member oversaw, tracked and coordinated more than 2,000 enlisted and officer personnel records, awards and decorations, discharge packages, staff summary sheets and general correspondents for the wing commander's review. His efforts dramatically reduced the processing time for each item and streamlined the process.

Nicolson also managed the common access card implementation and authored Whiteman Air Force Base Instruction, 36-282, Wing Awards Program Guidelines, ensuring supervisors had the nominating procedures and criteria to assist them in properly recognizing their troops.



Nicolson published 30 sets of temporary duty orders and four sets of blanket travel orders ensuring accurate travel plans and expedited pay. He worked to reduce errors in travel vouchers reducing the errors by 35 percent. His efforts ensured TDY travel for military members went smoothly in support of mission objectives.

Nicolson also maintains the Niner Line, a last-option phone line dedicated to base and civilian community members to contact the wing commander about problems, concerns or suggestions that they have for Whiteman.

## NCO

Tech. Sgt. Samuel Stoecklin is the wing's NCO nominee for the 2003 Communications and Information Individual award.

The 509th BW member was responsible for installing 11 workstations for a new Automated Management System and training users on Whiteman domain policies.

Stoecklin designed and manages the wing command staff information management Web page and Tier 2 Web page.

Stoecklin also implemented a program to give base members an easier, electronic way to inform the wing

commander of problems and concerns.

Stoecklin turned in more than \$250,000 in equipment and it made more storage room to set up new Automated Data Processing Equipment. His efforts ensured the 509th Maintenance Group's equipment coincided with ACC standards.

Stoecklin also authored the "Whiteman Treasure Chest of Knowledge," course for the Airman Professional Development Course to improve the curriculum.

## Airman

Senior Airman Lejane Menchavez is the wing's airman nominee for the 2003 Communications and Information Individual Award.

The 509th BW command staff workgroup manager was responsible for providing computer support for 54 unit members and 30 contractor employees. She also volunteered to upgrade DynCorp contractor's computers resulting in no down time.

Menchavez developed an effective method of managing a \$290,000 ADPE account. Her management system led to the identification and turn over of \$21,000 of outdated equipment.

Menchavez also maintains the cellular phones and blackberries for squadron leaders.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

## Two years and counting

Airman 1st Class Morrel Muller and Senior Airman Alan Reynolds, 509th Communications Squadron, update the driving under the influence Whiteman challenge board at Spirit Gate Tuesday. The board marks the amount of time that a squadron has been DUI free. The 509th CS has been DUI free for two years.

Team Whiteman Monthly Flying Goals					
	325 BS	393 BS	394 CTS	442 FW	1/135 AHB
Goal	243.0	294.0	309.4	321.0	124.0
Flown	225.7	264.4	217.3	242.5	168.0
Remaining	17.3	29.6	92.1	78.5	.
26 Feb 04					
Ahead/Behind +	8.7	-25.6	-83.7	.	+44.0

## This week in Whiteman history

1942 — On March 1, the 325th BMS was activated at Barksdale Field, La., and was assigned to the 92nd Bombardment Group. At this time, the squadron also began receiving its primary aircraft, the B-17 Flying Fortress.

# AFAF kicks off here Monday

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Public Affairs

Air Force people helping Air Force people is what the Air Force Assistance Fund drive is all about. The drive begins here Monday and ends April 11.

The annual campaign raises money for four charitable organizations benefiting active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired people and their families, including surviving spouses and their families. Charities receive 100 percent of the donations. This is the 31st year of the drive.

Capt. Shad Lacktorin, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the 509th Bomb Wing project officer. He said Whiteman’s goal is \$49,934.36 and the Air Force goal is \$5.2 million.

In 2003, base members contributed \$16, 719. The Air Force Assistance Fund, one of four charities in the AFAF umbrella, returned \$179,066 to Team Whiteman.

The other AFAF charities are the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Project officers, their units and phone numbers are:

**Capt. Shad Lacktorin**, 509th LRS, 687-4216,

**Senior Master Sgt. Donald Carney**, 509th Services Squadron, 687-6520,

**Capt. Robert Fritz**, 442nd Fighter Wing, 687-3841,

**Master Sgt. William Hahn**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, 687-1639,

**Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Newton**, 715th Weapons School, 687-1119,

**2nd Lt. Jennifer Pickett**, 509th Bomb Wing, 687-3445, **Capt. Christopher Seaman**, 509th Medical Group, 687-2138,

**Staff Sgt. Amy Gibson**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, 687-1929,

**Master Sgt. Steven Chabotte**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, 687-1194,

**2nd Lt. Tyron Wright**, 509th Mission Support Group, 687-6180,

**Staff Sgt. Matthew Null**, 509th Contracting Squadron, 687-5423,

**Master Sgt. Robert Striegel**, 509th MSG, 687-1381,

**2nd Lt. Nathan Hogan**, 509th Communications Squadron, 687-7085.

**Master Sgt. Marcus Gray**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron,

**2nd Lt. Russell Rumley**, 509th LRS, 687-5295,

**SSgt. Christy Aselstine**, 509th SFS, 687-6404,

**Staff Sgt. Aadel Najafi**, 509th SVS, 687-4740,

**2nd Lt. Willie Babor**, 509th Maintenance Group, 687-5919,

**Tech. Sgt. Angela Catchings**, 509th MXG, 687-5950,

**1st Lt. Tim Beck**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 687-4790,

**Staff Sgt. Edward Linstrom**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, 687-1950,

**Tech. Sgt. Donald Bertrand**, 509th Munitions Squadron, 687-4425,

**2nd Lt. Scott Orme**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, 687-2479,

**Tech. Sgt. Gerald Crowley**, 509th Operations Group,



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**Whiteman Air Force Assistant Fund representatives (back row) Capt. Robert Fritz, Senior Master Sgt. Donald Carney, 2nd Lt. Tyron Wright, Master Sgt. William Hahn, 2nd Lt. Willie Babor, and Tech. Sgt. Gerald Crowley, and (front row) Capt. Shad Lacktorin, Master Sgt. Robert Striegel, Tech. Sgt. Angela Catching, and Capt. Christopher Seaman pose for a photo.**

687-4877,

**2nd Lt. Jason Aeschliman**, 325th Bomb Squadron,

687-3251,

**Master Sgt. James Sales**, 393rd BS, 687-1761,

**Tech. Brian Lowers**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, 687-4877,

**Tech. Sgt. Todd Lewis**, 509th OSS, 687-6103,

**Staff Sgt. Danielle Gresser**, 509th OSS, 687-4878,

**Staff Sgt. Darryl Henderson**, 509th OSS, 687-1757, and

**Airman James Dockery**, 509th OSS, 687-1841.

For more details, visit <https://intranet.whiteman.af.mil/AFAF/index.htm>.

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# ACC command chief visits Whiteman

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements  
Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, toured Whiteman Feb. 20. He visited many base facilities including the First Term Airman Center, the Ozark Inn dining facility and a B-2 dock before speaking at the 509th Bomb Wing annual awards banquet.

The chief discussed the following issues during his visit:

One of which was the proposed new utility uniform. The uniform is being tested for wearability, durability and to see how comfortable it is to work in.

“People are testing it in various situations and environments, and it’s faring well. However, some folks are still apprehensive about it and that’s why it’s important for us to get one set to display at all of our clothing and sales

stores,” Chief Ellison stated. “Eventually we will have a new uniform and it will be Air Force centric.”

With the heavy deployments ACC is supporting, he stressed, airmen must be prepared and ready for deployment at all times as airmen are deploying more than ever.

Although airmen can look forward to normal battle rotations now that the Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployments Blue and Silver have been completed, Chief Ellison stressed that the war is still going on and Air Force members must stay focused on the task at hand and train the way that we fight.

On a personal note, he said military members live and serve in a country like no other.

“Only 2 percent of the people in the United States serve in the military. Those 2 percent protect and preserve freedom for the other 98 percent,” Chief Ellison said. “I just want to thank them for what they do for their country.”



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**Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison (fourth from the left), Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, poses in front of a B-2, with Whiteman members, during his visit here Feb. 20.**

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## From past to present

Retired Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., speaks with Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, during a visit to Tibbets' home Feb. 19. During World War II, Gen. Tibbets became the first commander of the what was then the 509th Composite Group, leading the unit from Dec. 1944 to Jan. 1946. He piloted the B-29 "Enola Gay," named after his mother, on the first atomic bombing mission, to Hiroshima, Japan, in August 1945.

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# 509th OSS member inherits late father's values



**By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan**

Public Affairs

The beat up baseball gloves lay lifeless now. The holes and wear in the mitts represent thousands of days of practice.

Paul Catt never hesitated to play baseball with his three sons. Each summer day, regardless of the weather, Brian Catt would head to the local baseball field in the rural town of Mount Carmel in southeastern Illinois.

“There wasn’t a day I wasn’t playing baseball — ever,” said Brian, now a staff sergeant assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron. “And dad was always right there.”

Paul Catt attended as many of his son’s games, practices and road trips as he could. Though Paul passed away in 1993 from cancer, many of his traits remain in his youngest son, Brian.

Brian, 29, said his father instilled in him strong core values long before he attended basic training in June 1995.

Those values included honesty, hard work and achieving goals. When Brian’s little league team needed transportation to a game, Paul volunteered to drive. He would often stay late working on skills and offering advice. Paul’s generosity toward Brian and his baseball teams led to Brian developing into a talented shortstop who made his high school’s all-conference team. But Paul’s generosity extended beyond the baseball field.

On cold Christmas mornings when Brian was young, Paul would sneak out of the house and purchase gifts and food for needy families in the Mount Carmel area and drop off the items at families’ houses. Brian recalled at his father’s funeral strangers would approach him and thank him for his father’s generosity.

“They said if it hadn’t been for my dad, they wouldn’t



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

**Staff Sgt. Brian Catt, 509th Operations Support Squadron, said he inherited his father’s patience, work ethic and dedication. His father passed away in 1993 from cancer.**

have had food on the table,” Brian said.

“One Christmas there was this lady who came up to our house. She had three or four kids and she wasn’t doing too well. She didn’t have a husband or a job. She said she woke up one Christmas morning and they had presents all over the porch. She saw my dad pull away, but he never admitted to it.”

Working as a surprise Santa wasn’t the only thing Paul wouldn’t admit to.

Unknown to Brian for years, his father earned two Bronze Stars during his three years of service in the Army-Air Corps. The World War II veteran served tours in Italy, New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. Brian only discovered the awards while examining old paperwork in the wake of his mother’s death last year.

“Personal recognition wasn’t a big thing for him,” Brian said. “It was the final outcome that was important to him.”

Today, Brian is the NCO in charge of intelligence training at the 509th OSS. He is responsible for updating and maintaining more than 30 training records for the intelligence operations element. He also conducts intelligence training for airmen and pilots as well as volunteering as an assistant for pilots’ combat survival training courses. Capt. Mack Curry, 509th OSS chief of internal operations, said he never doubts Brian’s ability to carry out daily tasks.

During one instance, Captain Curry needed a schedule for qualification training for some airmen. When the captain asked Brian to make the schedule, Brian already had it done.

That initiative, Brian said, comes from his father.

One of the most difficult portions of training is teaching airmen how to conduct briefings for pilots, high ranking officials and mass audiences. Brian will spend eight hours a week developing a young airman’s confidence and vocal skills. Brian said the key is patience, the same patience his father used teaching his sons to throw, pitch and catch as youths.

“I guess I’m kind of like my dad,” Brian said. “I don’t pay attention to medals or ribbons. I like to be the one that people go to when they want to get things done.”

Brian’s efforts earned him NCO of the Quarter for the intelligence flight during his time serving at a forward-operating location during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brian said his father knew the importance of his job in the Army-Air Corps. He said his father also taught him to complete his duties, by keeping in mind his tasks’ importance. Brian keeps that philosophy with him today.

“When the B-2 moves, people listen,” Brian said. “My job is important because there’s a lot of pilots that base their decisions on what I do.”

## 509th member helps CAOC historians preserve past for the future

**By Capt. Nicholas Sabula**

U.S. Central Command Air Forces-Forward

Public Affairs

**COMBINED AIR OPERATIONS CENTER, Qatar** - Philosopher George Santayana once wrote, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

With so many historic events from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, someone must decide what details from these operations are filed away for future leaders to draw upon years later.

This is the dilemma Master Sgt. Paul Witt and Tech. Sgt. Jason Axberg face daily. As Air Force historians deployed to the Combined Air Operations Center here, they are the caretakers of information related to air operations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. They archive and preserve present events for future reference.

“Our job here is the central point for everything that happens between OIF, OEF and the Horn of Africa,” said Sergeant Witt who is deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. “Every rocket that’s shot at us, every bomb we drop, every plane that’s flown — we track and write about all of it.”

The CAOC historians’ primary workload consists of looking at a mountain of information to determine what is and isn’t important to keep. The information they save could be used for research or military planning 10-20 years later.

“We’re the only people between the boss, the delete button and the shredder,” Sergeant Witt said.

The historians said the hardest part of their job is trying to determine what information really needs to be saved, since information might be used by the coalition

for operations today or decades from now.

“Information may be interesting, but unimportant to a decision maker,” said Sergeant Axberg, deployed from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

CAOC historians archive monthly reports covering a complete history for the AOR, vs. a six-month report back at their home station. These reports are sent to the major commands and to the Historical Research Agency at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., where they are permanently stored. Reports can become quite large, with information from just a single event filling five or six CDs. Eventually the data will be available digitally, allowing a researcher to find everything online.

Sergeant Axberg said one of the great services historians bring to the warfighter is being able to track down historic concepts for use in future operations. The daily information requests they receive are used to analyze previous missions while planners map future operations.

“What makes our job exciting is having to find the things that other people can’t find, bring them out and write the story about it. If it isn’t electronic, we need to go find it. That’s where conducting interviews comes in and other ways of gathering information,” Sergeant Axberg said.

“A really important thing — is what bombs we’ve dropped, where we’ve dropped them and what happened with those bombs,” Sergeant Witt said. “It’s not just important for future researchers, but also for those who are part of operations now.”

“Recently, I heard the new interim Iraqi government has petitioned the American government for a listing of where all the bombs were dropped during the war,”



Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn

**COMBINED AIR OPERATIONS CENTER Qatar — Maj. Gen. Robert Elder, Combined Forces Air Component commander, discusses current operations with Master Sgt. Paul Witt and Tech. Sgt. Jason Axberg, CAOC historians. Sergeant Witt is also the 509th Bomb Wing historian.**

Sergeant Witt said. “If it weren’t for a historian, that information possibly wouldn’t be available.”

Sergeant Witt said there are other historians at some locations throughout Iraq and Afghanistan collecting information, but everything related to the AOR ends up here. While wing historians focus more on specific operations and aspects of a single base, such as construction projects and infrastructure, CAOC historians focus on the larger picture.

“We concentrate on what’s going on

throughout the entire AOR,” Sergeant Axberg said. “If we tried to keep track of all the construction projects at all the different bases, we might go nuts.”

“If it were a perfect world, we’d have a historian at every wing and every group capturing everything that happened,” Sergeant Witt said.

Sergeant Axberg said the work being done by historians today must stand the test of time if future historians are to draw upon it and if tomorrow’s leaders are to learn from it.

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# Whiteman Spirit Award



**Senior Airman Shawn Hardiman**  
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Shawn Hardiman, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Wednesday.

Master Sgt. Frank Jones, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, nominated Airman Hardiman for the award because he helped keep an automobile accident under control.

“I saw an automobile accident in front of the base exchange and Airman Hardiman had parked his vehicle and started directing traffic around the accident,” Sergeant Jones said.

Airman Hardiman had taken complete charge of the scene, Sergeant Jones said.

“When I asked him how the people from the accident were, he gave me a complete rundown of all the passengers,” Sergeant Jones said. “He even put three of the passengers into his vehicle due to the wind and falling temperatures.”

Airman Hardiman stayed at the scene until security forces and medical members arrived to ensure the passengers were taken care of, Sergeant Jones said.

“Airman Hardiman stands as an example for all of us to follow. He saw what needed to be done and did it,” Sergeant Jones said.

## Personally Speaking

**Duty title:** Firefighter

**Time on station:** 2 years 9 months

**Time in service:** 4 years 3 months

**Hometown:** Brockton, Mass.

**Spouse:** Mary

**Children:** Shawn

**Hobbies:** Taking classes and exercising.

**Goals:** Complete my Community College of the Air Force degree and be a good husband and father.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The friendly, helpful community of people.

**Pet peeves:** Lazy, unmotivated people.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** My wife and son.

**If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be?** I would put a second fire station outside of the flight line.

## Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to “make it happen.”

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail [whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil](mailto:whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil).

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Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

New diamonds

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, and Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush, 509th BW career assistance adviser, pose with the Whiteman First Sergeants Group. Chief Cobb and Sergeant Rush were inducted as honorary first sergeants Monday because of their support of enlisted members. "Chief Cobb and Sergeant Rush truly live the first sergeant creed, 'My job is people, everyone is my business,'" said Master Sgt. Gary Bolton, president of the Whiteman First Sergeants Group.

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among the families that were present, no matter which service they previously served. Spending time with this group reminded me that many of us have great Americans who've diligently served in our families. For instance, my Uncle Melvin flew P-51 Mustangs in World War II for the 504th Fighter Squadron, 339th Fighter Group, Fowlmere, England, in 1944. Hard work by many got him safely airborne to escort B-17s and back home, like Arlene Mitchell, his crew chief. Most of Uncle Melvin's stories include his most reliable and close friend Arlene, whom I had the distinct pleasure to visit in Oklahoma in 1989. My respect for those who maintain our jets, equipment, services and people is huge.

I have been to many different bases in 18 years but my Whiteman experience has been the best. Great American heroes are here in our midst. Enjoy each other's company every day you report for duty. Take pride in your accomplishments and the future security for many that you're preserving.

Also, go out into the community to share your story. They want your unique perspective. Do it locally or in your hometown among family and friends. They want to know about your successes. They appreciate your diligence and professionalism. I know I am grateful for it every day.

Thank you for your selfless service to America and each other. Don't underestimate your importance. Team Whiteman and our neighborhood supporters, thanks for providing the fabric of freedom in all you do.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

The 509th Bomb Wing's 2003 annual award winners pose for a photo. Pictured left to right are Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th BW commander; Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison, Air Combat Command command chief mas-

ter sergeant; Senior Master Sgt. Mark Clark, First Sergeant of the Year; Bernard Jones, Laborer/Craftsman of the Year; Patricia Darrah, Specialist/Manager of the Year; Kathy Fick, who accepted for her spouse Capt.

Jason Fick, who is on a remote assignment, Company Grade Officer of the Year; Donna Dempsey, Associate of the Year; Senior Master Sgt. Charles Canoy, Senior NCO of the Year; Andrea Wood, Volunteer of the Year; Senior

Airman Michael Badilla, Honor Guard Member of the Year; Master Sgt. Charles Wellman, NCO of the Year; Staff Sgt. Robert Fekete, Airman of the Year; and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant.

## Wing honors best of best at annual awards banquet

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements  
Public Affairs

Among the screaming and cheering, the 509th Bomb Wing announced its 2003 annual award winners during a banquet Feb. 20 at Mission's End.

More than 250 people attended the ceremony to recognize the hard work, dedication and sacrifice of friends and co-workers. The annual awards is part of the Air Combat Command program that recognizes the role those Whiteman members play in meeting the wing's mission.

The night began with a video of the wing's 2003 accomplishments, followed by the introduction of the 40 nominees, dinner, entertainment, guest speaker comments, winner announcements and a final congratulations to the winners.

Starlifter, the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., entertained the crowd. Band members sang songs ranging from "God Bless America" to "The Air Force Song."

After the band finished, Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, introduced the guest speaker, Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison, ACC command chief master sergeant.

Chief Ellison told stories of when he was a young airman and how his family and supervisors helped mold him into the person he is today.

"When I was a young airman I made a couple of mistakes, and when I made those mistakes my supervisors were there to let me know about them," Chief Ellison said. "I realized that my supervisors weren't trying to hurt me, they were trying to help me."

He also stressed the importance of spending time with your family. "The reason we defend this great country is to preserve freedom and to keep our family safe," Chief Ellison said.

The chief also spoke about the Team Whiteman family.

"The people here lead the war on terrorism, by maintaining and flying the world's most superior bomber aircraft," Chief Ellison said.

Once the chief finished speaking audience members gave him a standing ovation. Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th BW commander, then gave the chief a gift and thanked him for coming. The masters of ceremony then took over and announced the winners. They are:

- ✓ Company Grade Officer of the Year — **Capt. Jason Fick**, 509th Communications Squadron,
- ✓ Senior NCO of the Year — **Senior Master Sgt. Charles Canoy**, 509th Munitions Squadron,
- ✓ NCO of the Year — **Master Sgt. Charles Wellman**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron,
- ✓ Airman of the Year — **Staff Sgt. Robert Fekete**, 509th Operations Support Squadron,
- ✓ First Sergeant of the Year — **Senior Master Sgt. Mark Clark**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron,
- ✓ Honor Guard Member of the Year — **Senior Airman Michael Badilla**, 509th Maintenance Squadron,
- ✓ Specialist/Manager of the Year — **Patricia Darrah**, 509th Contracting Squadron,
- ✓ Associate of the Year — **Donna Dempsey**, 509th CS,
- ✓ Laborer/Craftsman of the Year — **Bernard Jones**, 509th CES, and
- ✓ Volunteer of the Year — **Andrea Wood**, Whiteman Elementary School.



Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, speaks at the annual awards banquet.



Attendees sing "The Air Force Song" during the annual awards banquet Feb. 20 at Mission's End.



Starlifter vocalist Senior Airman Brian Owens entertained more than 250 people at the annual awards banquet Feb. 20. Owens is assigned to the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

## Show me the money

Jim Lea, Envision store manager, gives Pat Martinez, Resource, Recovery and Recycling Program environmental specialist, a check worth \$269.75 for recycled toner cartridges. Base members can recycle printer and fax toner cartridges at Envision. Envision then sends the cartridges to a company to recycle and the base receives money in return. Since March 2003, the base has received \$1,065.50 for quality of life programs.

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# Pilot speaks to Daedalians

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan  
Public Affairs

Operating under the worst conditions can bring out the best in a military unit.

Lt. Col. John Marks, 303rd Fighter Squadron chief of weapons and tactics, spoke about the 442nd Fighter Wing’s battle with the elements and other challenges of their recent deployment, during the Daedalian dinner meeting Feb. 19 at Mission’s End.

He talked about the harsh living conditions during the 442nd’s stay in Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom from April to November. He spoke about the unit’s time at Kirkuk Air Base and how elements impacted operations there.

He presented a slide show displaying the operational environment during his deployment to Kirkuk and Tallil AB for Daedalian members. Seven retired pilots attended the meeting, and 14 Whiteman members attended including, Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander.

The deployment’s objectives were to provide day and night air support for the Army and including close air support and air strike control, Marks

said. The units also provided support to special operations missions and interior defense.

Colonel Marks said that debris on the airfield increased the workload before operations. Frequent sandstorms while at Tallil made life miserable there, Marks said.

The 442nd opened Kirkuk Air Base in late April 2003 and stayed there until November 2003.

The colonel also displayed footage from bomb drops using a Litening II Starting Targeting Pod carried inside the A-10s. Colonel Marks described battles with Iraqis.

“The thing that struck me was the lack of ground-to-air fire compared to Operation Desert Storm,” Marks said. “(The Iraqis) had pretty much decided they couldn’t fight us in the air.”

During the deployment, the 442nd flew 1,164 combat sorties with no aircraft lost and registered a 93.7 percent mission capable rating and a 100 percent aircraft availability rating. The unit also totaled 3,360 flying hours.

“We proved we can operate in harsh locations and still deliver sorties,” Colonel Marks said.

Colonel Marks said that mission objectives were met because of well-executed planning and strong esprit de corps.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

**Lt. Col. Brian Marks, 442nd Fighter Wing, speaks about the 442nd deployment to Iraq at the Daedalians meeting Feb. 19. The order of the Daedalians was founded to encourage military aerospace activities, increase membership, assist in aerospace education, encourage activities that will improve methods of flight and safety.**

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## Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5750.

### Students beware

Students should be aware of purchasing College Level Examination Study Program study guides and test preparation materials that may be offered in conjunction with a contract purchase of a computer, software, books or an offer for credit evaluation for college admission.

CLEP information and materials are available free to Air Force members. Before you commit to purchasing one of these items, call the education center.

### Tuition assistance requests now online

Students can request tuition assistance by logging onto the education center Web site at <https://intranet.whiteman.af.mil/units/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> and clicking on the “request tuition assistance” link. For more details, call Cathy Brogan at 687-5754.

## Community

### Tax office hours change

The tax office will now be closed at noon Fridays for administrative purposes. For more details, call the tax office at 687-3800.

### Base dialing procedures change

Whiteman members can reach the 660, 816, and 913 area codes by dialing “99” and the number. To dial outside these areas, a personal identification number is required. For more details, call 687-1234.

### WOSC sponsors auction

The Whiteman Officers’ Spouses’ Club hosts an art auction at 7 p.m. today at Mission’s End. Hors d’oeuvres will be served. Profits from the auction will support the WOSC scholarship fund and other charities. The art includes framed oils, watercolors, serigraphs, lithographs and reproductions by renowned artists Howard Behrens, Robert Heindel, Claude Monet and others.

Dress is casual or duty uniform. Tickets cost \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For tickets, call Rachelle Sanchez at 563-3905 or Angelle Tibbets at 563-3095.

### Falconaires to perform

The Air Force Academy Falconaires perform at 7 p.m. March 11 at Central Missouri State University’s Hendricks Hall. The event is sponsored by the Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee and admission is free. Tickets and posters are available at the community center, the Greater Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and visitor’s center, 100 S. Holden St. in Warrensburg. For more details, call the chamber at 747-3168.

### BCC luncheon set

The base community council luncheon begins at noon Thursday at Mission’s End. The menu is beef stroganoff with noodles, and peas. The cost is \$8.50. Base members interested in attending must R.S.V.P. to the public affairs office by noon Monday at 687-6151 or [bcc.rsvp@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:bcc.rsvp@whiteman.af.mil).

### Awards ceremony scheduled

The 509th Maintenance Group annual Maintenance Professional of the Year Awards banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. March 26 at Mission’s End. Attire is battle dress uniform for military members and business casual for civilians. The cost is \$12.35 for members and \$14.35 for nonmembers. To purchase tickets or for more details, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Simpson at 687-1217, Master Sgt. Michael Hayward at 687-1435, or Senior Master Sgts.

Scott Savage, at 687-7126 and Richard Harken, at 687-1918.

### Stress management available

A stress management class begins at noon Tuesdays beginning tuesday in the life skills support center conference room. Students will learn strategies and skills for coping with life’s stresses. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

### Retail store hosts scrap sale

A retail store is selling scrap items 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday. The store is located in Bldg. 120. For more details, call Pat Martinez at 687-2017.

## Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

### Deployed families party set

Families of those deployed or serving a remote assignment are invited to a party 1-3 p.m. March 6. Reserve by Tuesday.

### Award nominations available

Nominations for the Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award are being accepted through March 12 at the family support center. Federal civilians, family members and military/federal retirees are eligible. Active-duty members aren’t eligible.

### Army recruiter visit scheduled

A Missouri Air National Guard recruiter will be in the family support center now through March 12. If you are interested in learning about ANG careers, call for more details.

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# Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School		Whiteman Elementary School	
Monday:	Corn dog, broccoli mix, applesauce and cherry crisp	Monday:	Corn dog nuggets, potato rounds, mixed vegetables and Jell-O
Tuesday:	Chicken patty, green beans, pineapple chunk and carrot cake	Tuesday:	Hot dog or chili dog, potato wedges, fruit and cake
Wednesday:	Pork roast, mashed potatoes, peaches and roll	Wednesday:	Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, yogurt and rolls
Thursday:	Ham, beans, cornbread, celery sticks, and banana with cherry	Thursday:	Taco salad, beans, fruit and cookie
Friday:	Chicken fajita, rice, salad and apple	Friday:	Ravioli, spinach, salad and pudding

# Chapel Corner

**Catholic**  
Mass — 5 p.m. Saturdays; 10:45 a.m. Sundays; and 11:30 a.m. weekdays  
Confessions — 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and upon request  
CCD — 9 a.m. Sundays

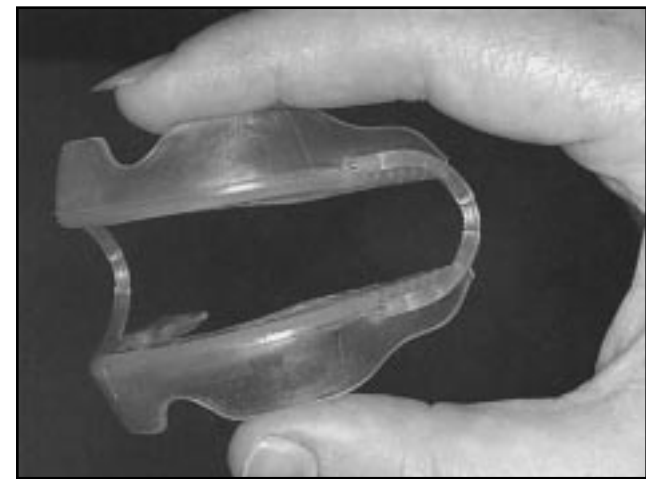


**Protestant**  
General worship — 9 a.m. Sundays  
Gospel — 12:45 p.m. Sundays  
Communion — 8:45 a.m. Sundays  
Sunday School — 10:45 a.m. Sundays  
AWANA Kids — 6 p.m. Tuesdays

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**Wearing a mouthguard during a sporting event can help prevent a dental injury.**

# Do you know how to handle a dental emergency?

**Capt. (Dr.) Chad Heath**

509th Medical Group

Children have a tendency to be accident-prone. Sometimes, a dental emergency can result from an accident and it could happen anytime, anywhere. Therefore, parents should be aware of the types of dental emergencies and the steps to take if one happens.

**Broken tooth** — Take the person to a dentist as soon as possible. Sometimes, the dentist may only have to smooth the rough edges of the broken tooth. If the break is more serious, the tooth may need treatment to repair the broken part, such as a crown filling.

**Orthodontic emergencies** — If a loose or broken wire is causing irritation, cover the end of the wire with a small cotton ball, wax, chewing gum or a piece of gauze. Contact an orthodontist or dentist, for an appointment. A loose or broken retainer should be checked by a dentist immediately.

**Bitten lip or tongue** — Use a clean cloth to apply direct pressure to the bleeding area. Apply a cold compress or suck on a popsicle if swelling is present. If bleeding persists, see a dentist immediately.

**Objects wedged between teeth** — Try to remove the object with dental floss. Carefully guide the floss to avoid causing trauma to the gum tissue. If you are unable to remove the object, see a dentist. Don't attempt to remove the object with a sharp or pointed item.

**Possible fractured jaw** — Immobilize the jaw with a neckerchief, necktie or towel. If swelling is present, apply a cold compress. This is an emergency and the patient must be taken to a dentist or hospital emergency room immediately.



## Space available

**The base marquee at the Spirit Gate is available for messages. To schedule a message, call Senior Airman Kristeena Gonzalez at 687-6123 or e-mail 509bwpa@whiteman.af.mil. Be sure to include the date and time you want the message to be posted. Use these boxes to determine the length of your message per screen:**

# MUNS holds off SVS in early season volleyball

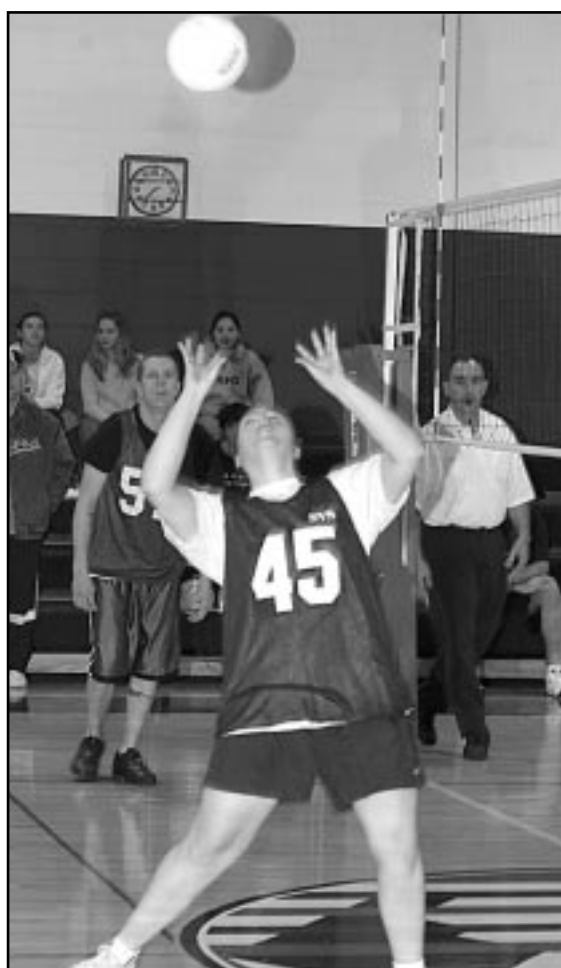


Eric Ybarra, 509th Munitions Squadron, serves Tuesday night.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Members of the 509th Services Squadron intramural volleyball team huddle Tuesday night. SVS fell to the 509th Munitions Squadron in consecutive games, 25-17, 26-24. Services had a 24-18 lead but MUNS rallied to score eight consecutive points and pull out the victory. In other games, the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron triumphed over the 509th Communications Squadron 25-22, 25-19. The 509th Security Forces Squadron destroyed the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron 25-2, 25-8. The 442nd Fighter Wing beat the Ladies Varsity Team 25-20, 26-14.



Joey Sanchez, 509th Services Squadron, sets the ball Tuesday night.



Jason Daffern, 509th Services Squadron goes for a kill as two 509th Munitions players attempt to block.



Setter Stephanie Cains, 509th Munitions Squadron, congratulates teammate Josh Runkles.



Services page editor.....Beth Ott  
509th Services Squadron.....687-4386

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Travel & Leisure

Outdoor Recreation  
687-5565

Boater safety class

Get qualified to rent a boat from outdoor recreation 9-11 a.m. March 6 at a boater safety class. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Special classes for squadron functions and hands-on training are also available. Spaces are limited; sign up early.

Wall class

Take a wall climbing class 1-3 p.m. March 6. Sign up at outdoor recreation for this free event.

Ice skating

Enjoy ice skating 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 13 at the Ice Sports Arena in Shawnee, Kan. An \$8 fee includes transportation and skating. Bring money for lunch and snacks. Sign up by March 10 at outdoor recreation.

Tickets & Travel  
687-5643

Mardi Gras

Take a trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla., for Mardi Gras anytime Saturday through March 27. The party begins at 5 p.m. Saturdays. There will be concerts, street performers, Cajun and Creole dinners, and more. Mardi Gras festivities are included in the Universal Studios admission. Call Tickets & Travel for more details.

Salute the troops

The Fairmont Hotel on the Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., offers specially priced packages now through March 29 in honor of our troops' service. Packages start at \$88 per night and are available through Tickets & Travel. Call for more details.

Kansas City Cosmosphere

Celebrate leap year with a free day at the Kansas City Cosmosphere 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Call Tickets & Travel for more information.

Food & Fun

Mission's End  
687-4422

Mongolian barbecue

Enjoy Mongolian barbecue 5:30-8 p.m. March 5 at Mission's End. Chicken, beef, shrimp, egg rolls, rice and more will be offered. The cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

Club and pub crawl

Members are welcome to a club and pub crawl 4-8 p.m. March 13 at Mission's End. Hang out at seven different themed pub areas with food and drinks to match. Enjoy Irish, German, country, 70s and more.

Whiteman Base Theater

<b>Friday</b> <b>Torque</b> Starring – Ice Cube & Matt Schulze	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>PG-13</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Along Came Polly</b> Starring – Ben Stiller & Jennifer Aniston	<b>7 p.m</b>	<b>PG-13</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Big Fish</b> Starring – Ewan McGregor & Albert Finney	<b>7 p.m</b>	<b>PG-13</b>

Adults \$3      Youth \$1.50  
Movie recording line 687-5110.  
Movies are subject to change due to availability.  
For current and future movie listings log on to  
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.



Sports & Recreation



Fitness Center  
687-5496

Women's Health Week

Join any class during Women's Health Week March 8-12.  
March 8            Spinning class            Noon  
March 9            Aerobics class            11 a.m.  
March 10           Equipment training        11 a.m.  
March 11           Circuit training            11 a.m.  
March 12           Nutrition & fitness class   1 p.m.  
Blood pressure checks are available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 9 and 11. Sign up by March 8 for classes at the fitness center.



Community Activities



Skills Development  
687-5691

Clay sculpting class

Learn to sculpt clay in a beginners three-session class noon-2 p.m. March 6, 13 and 20 at the skills development center. There's a \$30 fee plus supplies. Tools are provided. Sign up by noon the day before the class.

Stained glass semi-annual sale

In-stock glass is 25 percent off at the semi-annual sale at the skills development center.

Framing class

Take a framing class 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the skills development center. The \$40 fee includes supplies. Sign up by noon Tuesday.

Coiling pottery class

Learn to coil pottery in a three-session beginners class 9-11 a.m. March 10, 17 and 24 at the skills development center. There's a \$30 fee plus clay and glaze. Sign up by noon the day before the class.

Kaleidoscope class

Learn to cut, grind and assemble a kaleidoscope in a two-session beginners class 1-3 p.m. March 13 and 27 at the skills development center. There's a \$30 fee plus supplies. Sign up by noon the day before the class.

Community Center  
687-5617

Cartooning class

Learn the art of cartooning 3-4 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Participants must bring a sketch pad and a No. 2 pencil. There's no sign up deadline for this free event.

Black History Expose'

Attend a Black History Expose' noon-4 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Watch a choral presentation, step dance routines, cultural videos, skits, poetry and more. Refreshments will be provided at this free event.

CMSU chess challenge

Central Missouri State University is challenging Whiteman to a chess tournament at 10 a.m. March 6 at the community center. The cost is \$5 for each contestant. There's no sign up deadline for this event.

4x4 club

An informational meeting about the 4x4 club begins at 1 p.m. March 6. Members can participate in fun runs, trail rides, compete against other clubs and get a chance to attend a 4x4 jamboree in Springfield, Mo., in May.

Halo tournament

Compete in a Halo video game tournament 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 13 at the community center. There will be a competition for individuals and for teams. There's a \$5 fee per individual and \$10 for a team of four. Participants must be 16 or older. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place. Sign up by March 12.

Library  
687-5614

I love chocolate

Youth ages 10-18 are welcome to learn the history of chocolate 6:30-7:30 p.m. March 9 at the library. Learn about chocolate, play chocolate trivia, make chocolate crafts and eat chocolate. There's no sign up for this free event. \*Sponsored in part by the Whiteman enlisted spouses club.

Stars & Strikes  
687-5114

Airman's night out

Senior airmen and below can bowl 8 p.m.-midnight Saturdays during February. The cost is \$1 per game and rental shoes are 50 cents if you bring a friend.

Luck of the Irish

For every three games bowled in March, receive a ticket for a chance to win a new bowling ball. Drawing is held April 1; you don't need to be present to win.

Indoor rock climbing

Teens are welcome to travel to metamorphic form in Columbia, Mo., noon-7 p.m. March 12 for indoor rock climbing. The cost of \$15 includes two hours of rock climbing, shoes, instruction, climbing equipment and transportation. Bring money for dinner. Sign up by March 10.

St. Patrick's Day bash

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with games, green food and green punch 5-7 p.m. March 17 at the teen center. This event is \$2 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Sign up by March 16.

Family Child Care  
687-5590/1180

FCC Orientation Class

Receive free training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 15-19. Sign up by Friday March 12. Stop by the family child care office and pick up a registration package 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Youth Center  
687-5586

Swim day

Children in fifth through seventh grade can swim 3-9 p.m. Saturday at the Warrensburg Community Center indoor pool. An \$8 fee for members and \$9.50 fee for nonmembers includes transportation and swimming. Bring money for dinner. Today is the last day to sign up.

K-4 fun night

Members in kindergarten through fourth grade are welcome to fun night 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 5 at the youth center. Play bingo, hang out in the gym, watch a movie and win prizes at this \$5 event. Sign up begins Monday.

St. Patrick's party

Children in kindergarten through seventh grade are invited to fun night 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 12 at the youth center. Play bingo, get your face painted, challenge your friends to a game and more. There's a \$5 fee for members and \$6.50 fee for nonmembers. Punch and cookies will be provided. Sign up begins March 8.

Baseball and T-ball registration

Register for baseball and T-ball 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through March 19 at the youth center. This event is \$30 for members and \$38 for nonmembers. Late registrations will be taken if space is available with an extra \$10 fee. Children must be 5 years old to be eligible. Current physicals and shot records on file at the youth center are required for participation.

Hang out night

Pre-teens in fifth through seventh grade can hang out 6-9 p.m. March 6 at the youth center. Children can play pool, foosball, Playstation, X-Box and more. There's a \$2 fee for members and \$3 fee for nonmembers. The snack bar will be available. Sign up begins Monday.

Image makers photography club

Youth 9 and older can join a Boys and Girls National Photography contest club. The club will be held 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays until April 7 at the youth center. Sign up by Tuesday for this free event. Base winners will be sent to a regional competition. Cameras and film processing are provided. Call for more information.